

GOOD PRICES PAID FOR ORIENTAL ART

First Day's Receipts at Yamanaka Collection Sale Reach \$70,097.

\$1,100 FOR JADE CENSER

The sale of the remarkable collection of oriental art that had been assembled by the Yamanaka Company began yesterday afternoon in the galleries of the American Art Association before a large crowd. Among those present were many persons socially prominent, including Mr. and Mrs. Cortland Field Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Townsend, Mr. H. J. Heinz, Mrs. C. B. Alexander, Mrs. Henry Clews, Mrs. Jonathan Thorne, Mrs. C. C. Cuyler, Mrs. E. F. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Breen, and Mrs. C. E. Chapman.

The extraordinary jades and crystals attracted much attention as they came upon the auction block, and some commanded high prices. The leading figure of the day—\$1,100—was paid by W. W. Seaman, agent, for No. 66, a large, faceted tripod censer, of mottled emerald and translucent gray jade. The cloisonné and gilt-dog kennel which has been one of the chief objects of interest in the collection, No. 128, sold to S. Avery of the Brooklyn Museum for \$2,600. Whether Mr. and Mrs. Seaman acquired the little spout that was exhibited, it was not stated.

Edward L. Farmer made important purchases, paying \$3,800 for No. 136, a pair of gigantic incense burners by Russian carvers; \$2,400 for No. 76, a Feilong vase of mother-of-pearl and fog glass, brilliant polished; \$1,570 for No. 61, a rock-gate censer; \$1,000 for No. 125, a Phoenix vase of dense gray-green jade; \$1,400 for No. 42, a jade altar set of three pieces, the jade being broadly mottled in cloud white, emerald and rich black; \$750 for No. 32, a Feilong jade ornament, and \$375 for No. 43, a white jade altar set.

Income Burner Brings \$2,800.

Orio Bernier, agent, bought the following: No. 101, a Feilong jade incense burner, pagoda shaped, for \$2,800; No. 50, a tall rock crystal vase with cover, for \$2,100; No. 81, a rock crystal vase in cup form, for \$1,000; No. 74, a Feilong vase of mother-of-pearl and fog glass, brilliant polished; \$1,570 for No. 61, a rock-gate censer; \$1,000 for No. 125, a Phoenix vase of dense gray-green jade; \$1,400 for No. 42, a jade altar set of three pieces, the jade being broadly mottled in cloud white, emerald and rich black; \$750 for No. 32, a Feilong jade ornament, and \$375 for No. 43, a white jade altar set.

EDWARD L. FARMER PLAYS WELL.

Programme of Beethoven Holds His Auditors' Attention.

Carl Friedberg, a pianist of Cologne who had been heard here during the last two seasons both in recital and with orchestra, gave a recital yesterday afternoon in Aeolian Hall. The player offered a programme of broad and dignified character, all of Beethoven.

In the list were the sonatas in E minor, opus 27, first mazurka opus 17, No. 2, and C minor opus 10, four bagatelles, the G minor mazurka, opus 31, No. 2, a rock-gate vase with cover, and C. B. Fields bought No. 32, a tall green jade vase for \$600, No. 113, a black lacquer jarred censer, sold to C. E. Chapman for \$320, and No. 81, a rock-crystal vase, for \$1,000. Mrs. J. G. Gould paid \$550. Alfred M. Bressler gave \$200, and Julie M. Statute, and E. Brinkerhoff gave \$350 for No. 41, a jade censer.

TRYING BIRD CAGE FOR \$500.

Mrs. R. H. Larson, agent, bought No. 10, a hyacinth bush in a white jade pot, for \$600, and No. 108, an ivory bird cage with bracket, for \$200. H. J. Fosdier gave \$1,000 for No. 81, a white jade vase and phoenix vase, and \$500 for No. 119, a tortoise shell bird cage.

W. W. Seaman, agent, paid \$1,400 for No. 88, a pair of magnolia trees in lapis and gilt jardinières, and \$500 for No. 135, peacock in gold lacquer jarred censer. Edward G. Evans gave \$750 for No. 88, a tall vase with cover, and A. A. Lawrence paid \$100 for No. 88, a jade and amber peach tree in a chinoiserie jardinière.

The total for the afternoon's sale was \$50,975. The sale will continue this afternoon and evening.

SCOTTI PASSES CRISIS.

Bartone Improves—Condition Still Serious.

The condition of Antonio Scotti, baritone of the Metropolitan, who is critically ill of pneumonia at the Hotel Knickerbocker, was reported slightly better yesterday than the evening before. The news that he had passed the crisis satisfactorily. There was no disposition on the part of his intimate friends or the physicians in charge, however, to disguise the fact that the singer was in dangerous condition.

The various compositions, requiring their delivery a comprehensive and finished technique together with a main idea of power of interpretation, were presented by him with an artistic success quite unusual for him.

Mr. Scotti is not a player of the most eloquent type, nor are his readings always furnished with all the necessary force of a dramatic style. But he plays with a never failing clearness of insight for the content of the music, and this is supported by a fine combination of technical skill, beauty of tone, taste and feeling.

FIRST DAY OF STARR SALE.

British Bidding for French and English Clocks and Bronzes.

The interesting collection of French and English clocks, porcelains and bronzes belonging to Theodore B. Starr, Jr., now being sold in the Anderson Galleries, brought out some lively bidding and good prices at yesterday's session.

S. A. Straus paid \$250 for No. 182, a clock set in white marble and gilt, the figures being "Cupid and Psyche." A clock set in the style of Louis XIV, from the original in Versailles, No. 184, went to the Marshall Field Company for \$200, and the Louis XIV clock set, with silver and A. A. Lawrence paid \$100 for No. 88, a jade and amber peach tree in a chinoiserie base.

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DANCE HELD TO AID BELGIUM.

Lace Made by Pensions in Dixie Played and Will Be Sold.

For the benefit of the destitute in Belgium and southern France a dancemaster of lace was reported yesterday afternoon in the ballroom of the Belvedere Stratford. Previous to the opening of the ball, an address of the methods of procuring lace for winter was delivered by Dr. Horace Fletcher, who recently returned from Belgium. Some lace of great value, made by Belgian peasants were exhibited in a case placed at the entrance of the ballroom, and the benefit will be held Saturday evening at the Belvedere Stratford.

Among the patrons and patroneuses were Mrs. and Mrs. Nicholas Murray Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert H. Gary, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hale, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Hall, Mr. Harry C. Hays, Mr. and Mrs. H. Fulton, Captain, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Sherrill, Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Young, Mr. and Mrs. George P. Benét, Mr. and Mrs. C. Tiffany Richard, Mr. and Mrs. William Curtis, Deacon, and Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Curtis.

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